

**ELECTRICIANS LICENSING BOARD**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**160 East 300 South, Room 474, Salt Lake City, Utah**  
**January 18, 2007 Minutes**

**Meeting Convened at** 9:05A.M.

**Meeting Adjourned at** 11:30 A.M.

**DOPL STAFF**  
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*  
Katie Tris, *Secretary*  
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**  
Brad Stevens, *Chairman*  
Frank Rydalch  
David Kingery  
Harold Weight  
Dirk Burton

**VISITORS**  
Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech. College*  
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech. College*  
Renee McDonough, *IEC of Utah*  
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*  
Mike Pennie, *IBEW*  
Vern Petersen, *International Code Council*  
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*

Brad Stevens, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MINUTES**  
The December 14, 2006 board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Frank Rydalch made a motion to approve the minutes. Dirk Burton seconded the motion, all members voted in favor of the minutes.

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### **APPOINTMENT: Zoran Sadar**

Zoran Sadar provided documentation and reviewed with the board his work history and schooling. Sadar is currently licensed in Utah as an apprentice electrician and is working for an electrical contractor. Stevens stated that some of the applied technical college classes he had taken would not qualify towards his apprenticeship hours. Sadar, however even without the education, had the required 16,000 hours of work experience that would allow him to test. Frank Rydalch made a motion to give approval to Sadar to take the journeyman's test. The motion was seconded by Dirk Burton and all members voted in favor of the motion.

### **DISCUSS & REVIEW COMPETENCY REPORTS FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOLS**

The board reviewed the competency reports from the apprenticeship schools. Students involved in correspondence study did not appear do as well as those that attended class. According to Will Pierce of the Salt Lake Community College, there are students that sign up for correspondence and then never turn in one assignment. There are also students that start the program and then drop out of the trade. The board, after the next semester is completed, will review the next competency reports from the schools. Stevens stated competency testing is a tool to help both the students and the instructors. The feedback from the schools about the competency testing was positive. The students appear to be taking more of interest in their studies. Dennis Meservy asked the schools what kind of response they had received from their students. Pierce indicated that new students did not have a problem with the tests. However, there were problems with the third and forth year students. The competency testing was new and these students were adjusting.

A score of 75 is required to pass the state written examinations for electricians. This is the score that most schools are using to pass the competency tests. According to Trina Hansen of Ogden-Weber Applied Technical College, their school uses a passing score of 80.

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Meservy made the comment that this most likely would be beneficial to the students and it would be interesting to see how they performed on the state exams. Katie Tris stated she could do a comparison study by pulling the names of students that have high scores on the competency tests and comparing how well they do on the state tests.

### **DISCUSS SOLAR ISSUES & BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Stevens stated the language they had previously approved for the new Solar Photovoltaic Contractor license classification was going to be addressed by Construction Services Commission in their next meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The language included a limitation of 25 kilowatts. This limitation was a concern to Ken Gardner and others involved in solar energy and Gardner was going to be addressing the Commission. Stevens requested that board members, if they were in a position to do so, be in attendance to this Commission meeting.

### **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Mike Pennie indicated that both he and Renee McDonough met with Robert Van Engelenhoven the director of resources development and construction with Rocky Mountain Power. Rocky Mountain was surprised at the attorney general's decision that indicated the electricians on the power plant being built for them did not have to be licensed.

The exemption for this is found under state code 58-55-305 (1)(m). This section of the code reads: "a person who ordinarily would be subject to the electrician licensure requirements under this chapter when employed by *or under contract with*: ... (ii) public service corporations, rural electrification associations, or municipal utilities who generate, distribute, or sell electrical energy for light, heat, or power."

Pennie stated the meeting with Rocky Mountain was set up by Senator Ed Mayne. According to Senator Mayne, there would be a bill at this state legislative session to eliminate the wording "*or under contract with*" from the present statute. McDonough would be watching the process of the bill.

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There was concern about the issue of public safety caused by the use of unlicensed electricians in the construction of the power plant. The feedback was that Rocky Mountain, because of their involvement in the project and the inspections taking place, was adamant that public safety was not an issue. However, there were possible issues that involved delays in construction and associated costs.

### **DISCUSS RANDOM AUDITS ON ELECTRICAL CEU'S**

The licenses for electricians expired just this past November and had to be renewed. A continuing education audit was done as a part of this past renewal cycle. Those electricians that were selected for the audit and did not show proof they met the continuing education requirements would have been unable to renew their licenses. The board was of the opinion that there were too many electricians that had not obtained their continuing education and now thought they were off the hook. Harold Weight made a motion to conduct another continuing education audit for electricians for the past renewal period. The motion was seconded by David Kingery and all members voted in favor of the motion.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

Board reviewed out of state applications.

**All business concluded, meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

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Board Chairperson Signature

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Date

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Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

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